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SUBJECT: IARC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FINANCE, OCTOBER 10-11

1. INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OFFICER, EDWARD W. LAWRENCE DESIGNATED ADVISOR TO US MEMBER ON IARC AD HOC COMMITTEE ON FINANCE (BENJAMIN BLOOD) WHICH MEETS LYON OCTOBER 10-11. (FYI: WE HAVE BEEN ASSURED BY WHO ADG FURTH THAT LAWRENCE WILL BE ABLE ACCOMPANY BLOOD IN MEETINGS; SOME OTHER PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ADVISERS. END FYI) GUIDANCE PAPER TO BE FOLLOWED BY U.S. REPRESENTATION POUCHED MISSION OCTOBER 4. SUMMARY FOLLOWS.

2. UNITED STATES POSITION

A. UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE SHOULD PROPOSE, AND WORK TO HAVE AGENCY ADOPT, BIENNIAL PROGRAM BUDGET SCHEME ("SIX YEAR MEDIUM TERM PLAN") ALONG LINES BEING INTRODUCED AT WHO (SEE ANNEX 14, WHO DOC 206). SUCH A PLAN WOULD PROMOTE LONGER-TERM PLANNING OF REQUIREMENTS AND RESOURCES, ALLOW GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN MANAGEMENT OF FUNDS AND APPLICATION OF EXPENDITURES BETWEEN FIRST AND SECOND UNCLASSIFIED

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YEARS OF BIENNIUM AND MEET OBJECTIVES STATED IN PARA 2 OF

WP/2 (PROPOSAL OF UK MEMBER). SIMPLE IN CONCEPT AND OPERATION, IT WOULD HAVE PARAMOUNT FEATURE OF COMPATIBILITY WITH WHO BUDGET SYSTEM. (DELEGATION SHOULD BE AWARE THAT METHOD OF QUANTIFICATION OF FINAL TWO YEARS OF WHO SIX

YEAR MEDIUM TERM PLAN HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED; THE QUANTIFICATION MIGHT WELL BE IN NON-MONETARY TERMS--MAN HOURS, ETC.)

B. UNITED STATES WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY SCHEME, SUCH AS CURRENT QUINQUENIUM, WHICH WOULD FIX PREDETERMINED RATES OF GROWTH FOR AGENCY. WE BELIEVE BUDGET OF ORGANIZATION SHOULD BE DETERMINED BY PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS AND NOT VICE VERSA. A COROLLARY OF THIS IS THAT WE DO NOT AGREE WITH CONCEPT INCLUDED IN WP/1 (PARAS 3.2.1,III, 3.2.2., III) WHICH WOULD INCREASE SIZE OF BUDGET WHEN CONTRIBUTIONS OF NEW PARTICIPATING STATES BECOME AVAILABLE. ADMISSION OF NEW MEMBERS SHOULD BEAR NO RELATIONSHIP TO COST OF BUDGET SINCE IT SHOULD BE BASED ON INTRINSIC WORTH OF PROGRAM.

C. WITH REGARD TO POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS TO BIENNIUM PROJECTIONS ARISING OUT OF EXINGENCIES OF INFLATION, CURRENCY REVALUATIONS, WE BELIEVE SUPPLEMENTARY ESTIMATES CAN BE SUBMITTED TO GOVERNING COUNCIL IN SAME MANNER AS PROVIDED FOR IN SUGGESTED AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS OF WHO TO ACCOMMODATE BIENNIAL BUDGETING (PARA 3.10, PAGE 133, WHO DOC 206). WE SEE NO NEED FOR ELABORATE BUDGETARY DEVICES TO DEAL WITH THESE EVENTUALITIES. IN THE SAME VEIN, WE SEE NO GROUNDS FOR INTRODUCTION OF REAL VALUE BUDGETING AS PROPOSED BY THE UK.

3. FISCAL DATA FOR LAWRENCE TRAVEL AND PER DIEM CONTAINED SEPTEL . RUSH

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